IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE APPLICATION OF:

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APPLICATION NO.: 09/934903 GROUP ART UNIT: 1632

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FOR: GENES INVOLVED IN ISOPRENOID COMPOUND PRODUCTION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Introductory Comments

Before examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.